

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The Examiner is thanked for considering claims 5-7, 15, 17, 18, 23 and 24 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

It is submitted that the claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, and the remarks that follow as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claims 5-7, 15, 17, 18, 23 and 24 are pending. Claims 5-7, 15, 17, 18, 23 and 24 are amended and claims 1-4, 8-14, 16, 19-22 and 25-27 are canceled, without prejudice. No new matter is added by these amendments. Support for the amended recitations in the claims is found throughout the specification and from the canceled claims.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner considered the “registering means” vague. Applicants have clarified such phraseology in the claims. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the section 112, second paragraph rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-12, 19-21, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) allegedly as being anticipated by Esch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,283,639).

Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's allegation, claims 1, 3, 4, 8-12, 19-21, 26 and 27 are canceled herein in order to expedite prosecution and in order to place the application into condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request that the rejection to claims 1, 3, 4, 8-12, 19-21, 26 and 27 be withdrawn as moot. Cancellation of claims 1, 3, 4, 8-12, 19-21, 26 and 27 should not be construed as an agreement by Applicants with the Examiner's arguments. Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of these rejected claims in a Continuation Application.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 8-12, 19-21, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 2, 14, 16, 22 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) allegedly as being unpatentable over Esch et al. in view of Boutal et al. ("Automatic and Remote Control Broadcast Television and Radio Transmitting Stations").

Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's allegation, claims 2, 14, 16, 22 and 25 are canceled herein in order to expedite prosecution and in order to place the application into condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request that the rejection to claims 2, 14, 16, 22 and 25 be withdrawn as moot. Cancellation of claims 2, 14, 16, 22 and 25 should not be construed as an agreement by Applicants with the Examiner's arguments. Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of these rejected claims in a Continuation Application.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 2, 14, 16, 22 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 5-7, 15, 17, 18, 23 and 24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants submit that claims 5-7, 15,

17, 18, 23 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form, and as such are allowable. Claims 5-7 have also been amended to overcome the 112, second paragraph rejection.

In the event that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to expedite the allowance of the instant claims.

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